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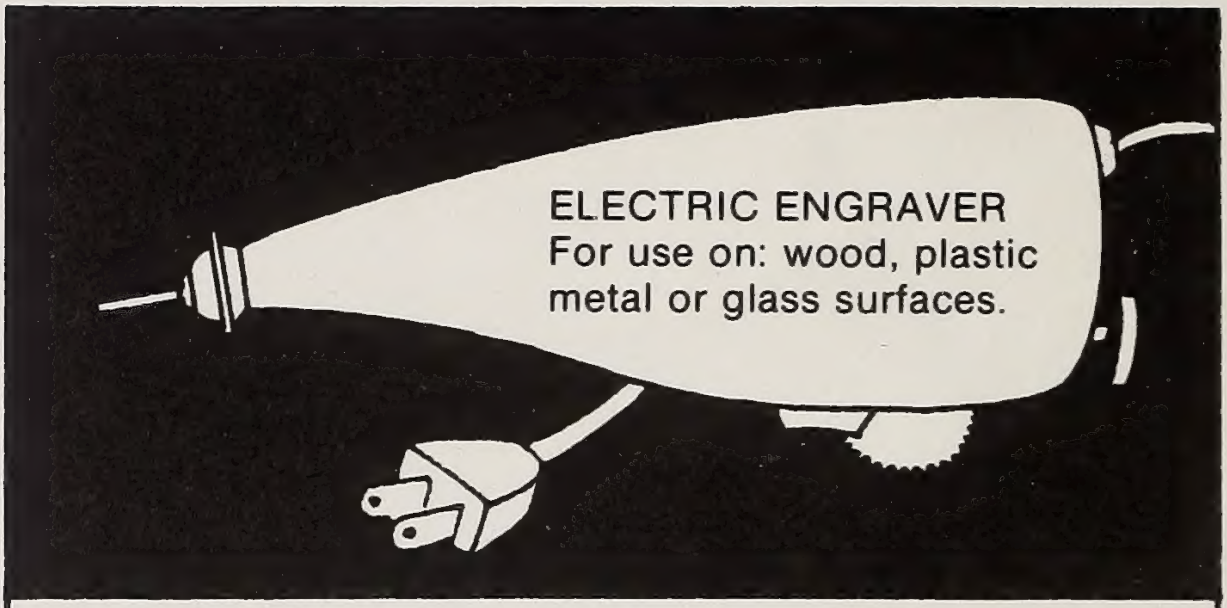

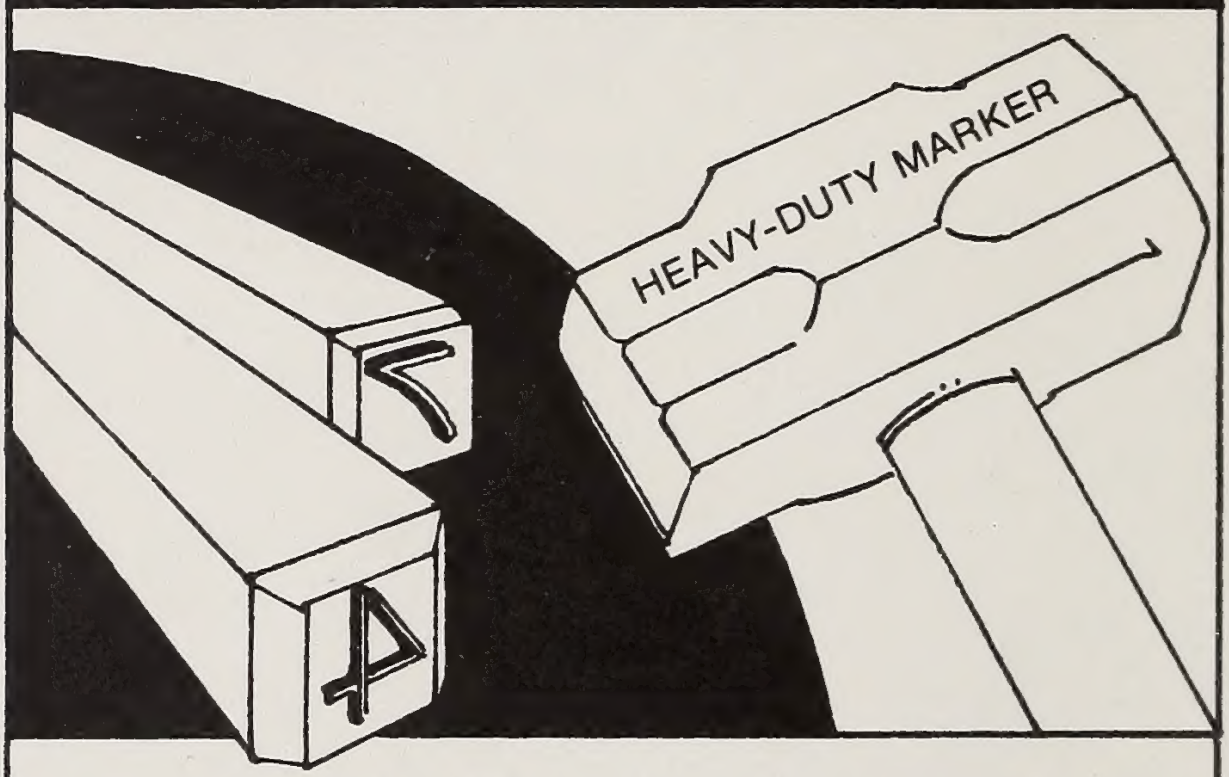

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CRIME PREVENTION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

Crime is no longer just an urban problem. Reported thefts and burglaries in rural communities increase each year.

Many more thefts of farm equipment, produce and livestock go unreported.

WHO PAYS FOR CRIME LOSSES?

Every farmer pays for millions of dollars lost as a result of theft and burglary. Too often these losses are simply absorbed in higher insurance rates, costly equipment replacement, lost man-hours or a rise in cost to the consumer for farm produce.

WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?

Our farm communities must take the initiative by joining with provincial and local police to put crime prevention into practice. Improved security, together with **OPERATION IDENTIFICATION**, can effectively cut losses by taking the profit out of crime.

WHAT IS OPERATION IDENTIFICATION?

Operation Identification is a nationwide program designed to discourage theft of property from your home or farm by providing a means for the police to easily identify stolen property.

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In communities where the majority of citizens participate, there has been a dramatic reduction in crime. Most burglars steal valuables for re-sale; but if you mark all your items with a permanent identification number, the burglar will find it difficult to sell them. Thus, if a criminal knows that all valuables in your home and on your farm are marked, he will look elsewhere.

HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION IDENTIFICATION?

Contact your local police for more information and assistance. Electric etching engravers are available and heavy duty stamping tools may be obtained to mark farm equipment. Normal branding procedures should be followed for livestock.

WHAT NUMBER DO YOU USE?

Depending on area and local police procedures, use of your Social Insurance Number or provincial driver's permit serial number is recommended.

On request, the police will supply a particular nine (9) digit number from a block of identification numbers especially developed for this purpose.

Use of such readily identifiable marks make it easy for police to return stolen property to the rightful owners. The conspicuous marking of property is a strong deterrent to theft.

WHAT ITEMS SHOULD YOU MARK?

Home:

- Adding Machines
- Bicycles
- Binoculars
- Cameras
- Clocks
- Fishing Equipment
- Golf Clubs
- Guns
- Hand Tools
- Kitchen Appliances
- Metal Lock Boxes
- Power Mowers
- Radios
- Record Players
- Stereos
- Stereo Speakers
- Toasters
- Television Sets
- Typewriters
- Musical Instruments
- Power Tools

Car or truck:

- Mag Wheels
- Tape Decks
- Speakers
- CB Radio
- Hub Caps
- Battery

Engrave or Photograph

Jewelry Silverware Watches

Place inconspicuous identifying marks on:

Furs and other clothing

FARM EQUIPMENT

The heavy-duty stamping tools should be used on all farm equipment. To make it easy for the police to locate the identifying number, it is important to place the primary markings in uniform locations. Secondary markings should be put in less obvious places. The final pages of this booklet will show you where to put primary markings.

SECOND AND THIRD OWNERSHIP

Some equipment may change hands through trade or re-sale. It is suggested that the new purchaser or owner be notified that the equipment has been marked. However, the new owner should remark the equipment with his own identification number. In this way, the equipment can be traced from one owner to another. **Do not attempt to remove any original numbers.**

BRAND GRAIN OR FORAGE SEED

Confetti (small tabs of paper with a number) may be mixed in with grain as it is being augered into the bin.

Contact your local police for more detailed information.

BRAND YOUR CATTLE

Livestock can be easily identified by branding. Register the brand and keep records of "born-sold-butchered" livestock. Check the herd often and report stolen or missing animals promptly to your local police. Note strange vehicles in the area and record licence numbers.

WHAT TO DO AFTER MARKING YOUR PROPERTY

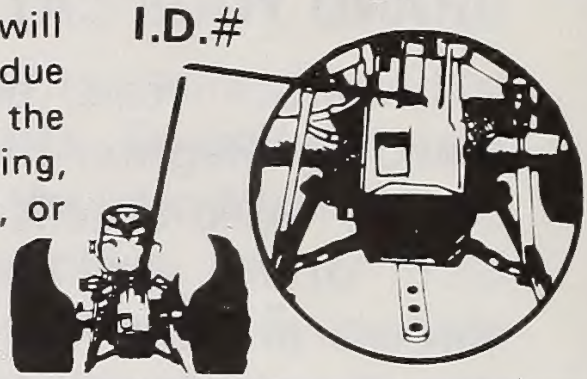
1. **Make a record of your property:**
   - An Operation Identification Record Form is available for this purpose. It should be kept in a safe place with a copy for your insurance company files.
2. **Post warning signs:**
   - Advertise the fact that your property has been marked for identification.
   - Local police can assist in developing effective warning signs.
3. **Post warning stickers:**
   - Door and window stickers are available at no cost from your local police.

IMPORTANT:

Do not use signs or stickers unless you have actually marked your property.

Place ID number on the rear of the differential housing. The location will vary on different brands of tractors due to design. If access will not allow the mark to be placed on the center housing, place on right axle housing, on top, or rear.

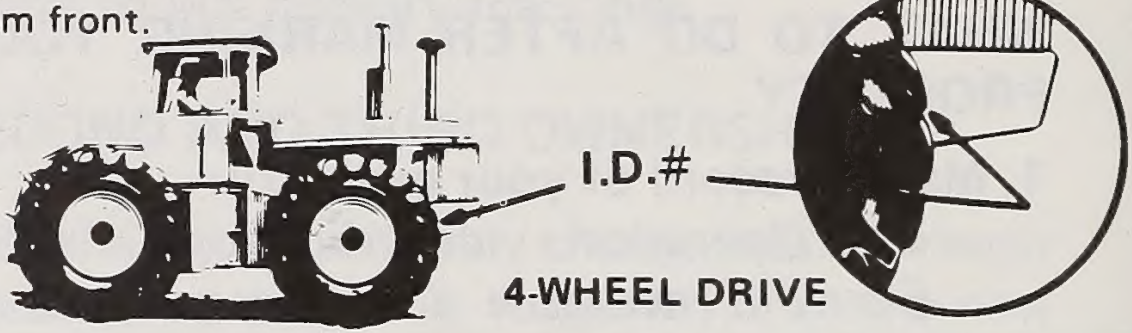
Figure 1



TRACTOR

(On-four-wheel drive tractors) Place ID number on right side frame rail, 12" from front.

Figure 2

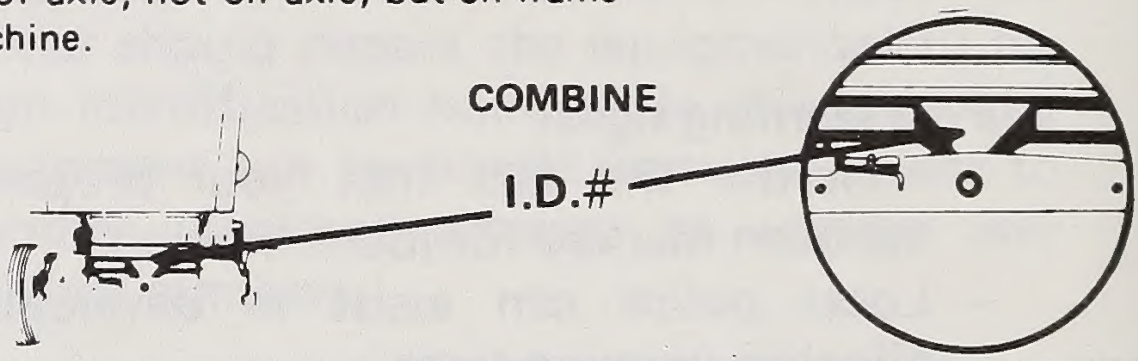


4-WHEEL DRIVE

Place ID number on frame above pivot point of axle, not on axle, but on frame of machine.

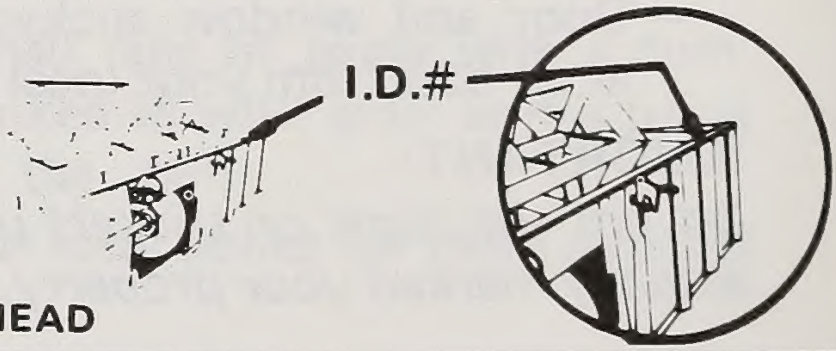
Figure 3

COMBINE



Place ID number on corn head and grain table on right rear angle iron on the main frame.

Figure 4



CORN AND GRAIN HEAD

Place ID number on right side on top of tongue, 12" to rear of hitch pin.

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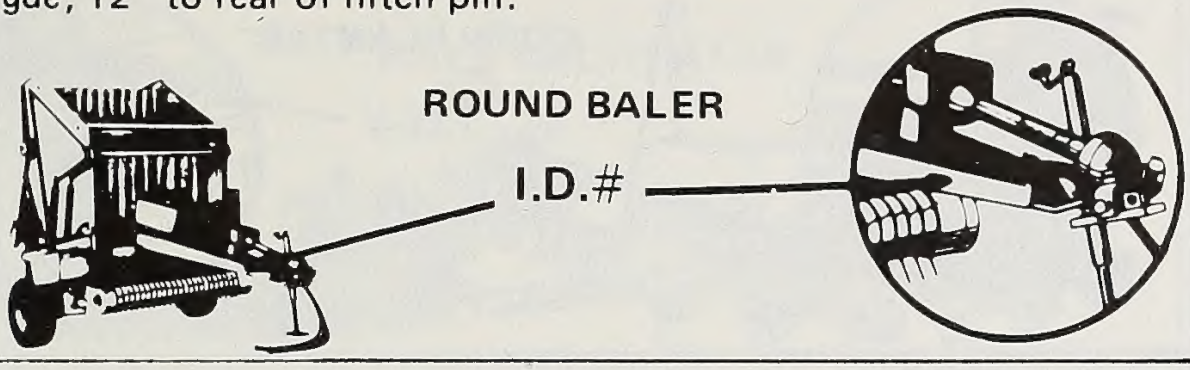
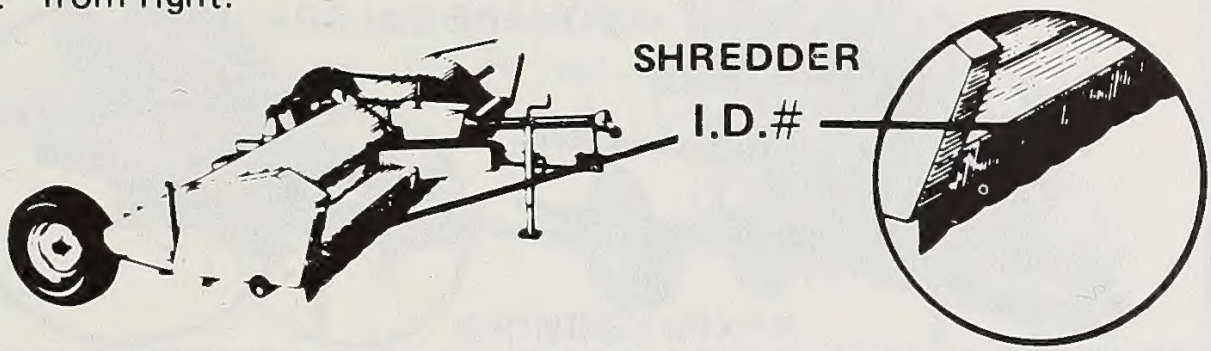


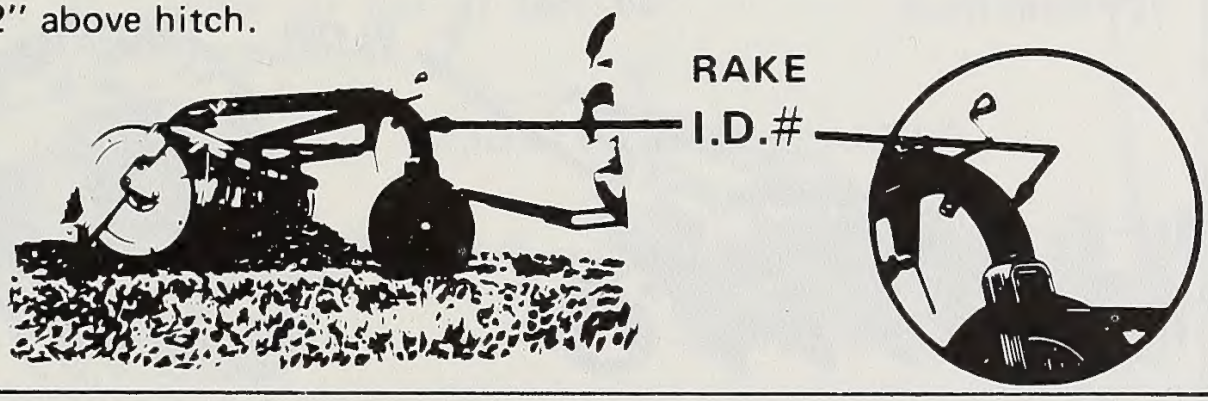
Place ID number on front of frame, 12" from right.

Figure 6



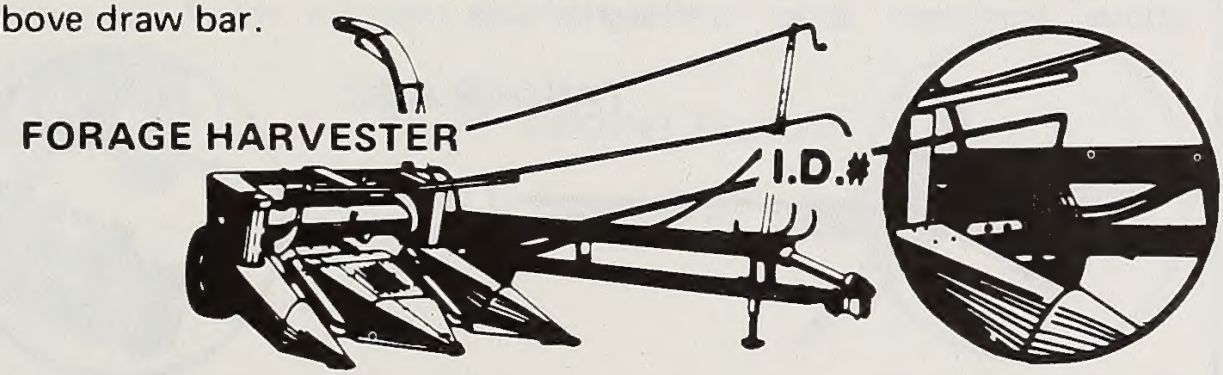
Place ID number on front of frame, 12" above hitch.

Figure 7



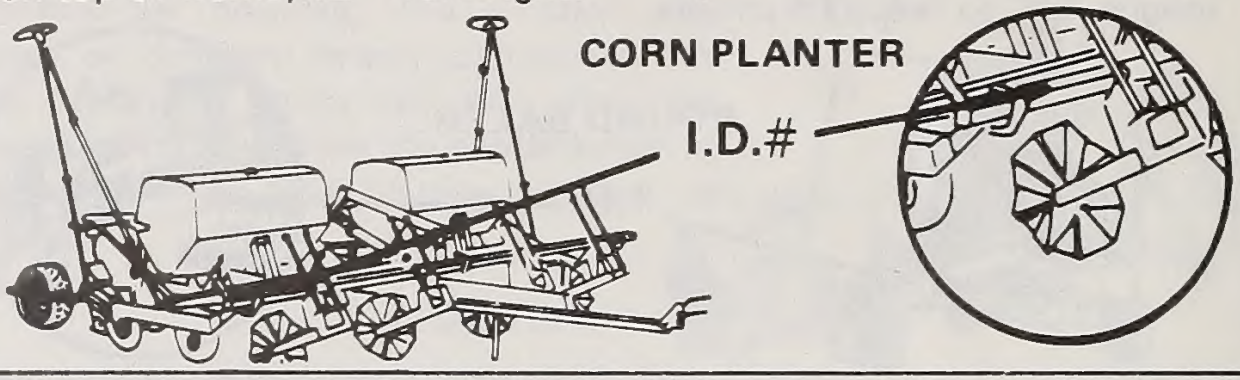
Place ID number on front of frame above draw bar.

Figure 8



Place ID number on planter with tongue on top of frame, 12" from right.

Figure 9



Place ID number on front of frame, above draw bar.

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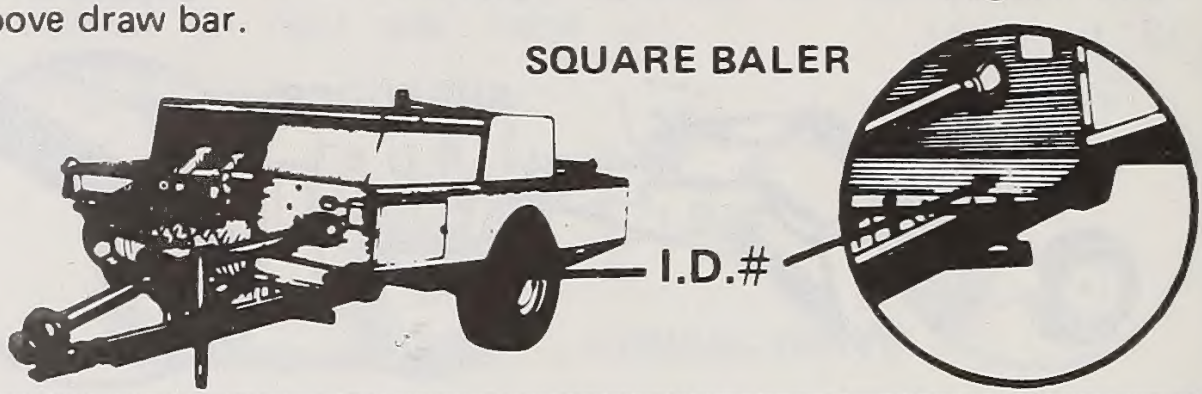
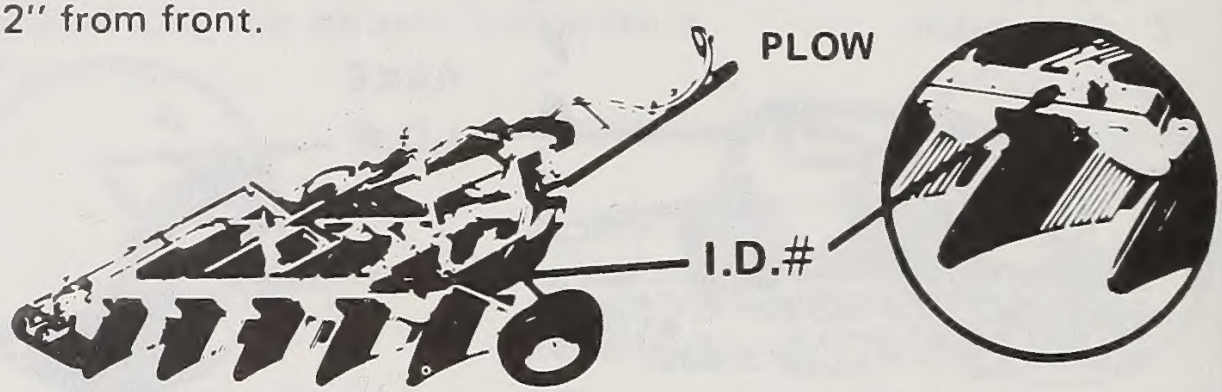


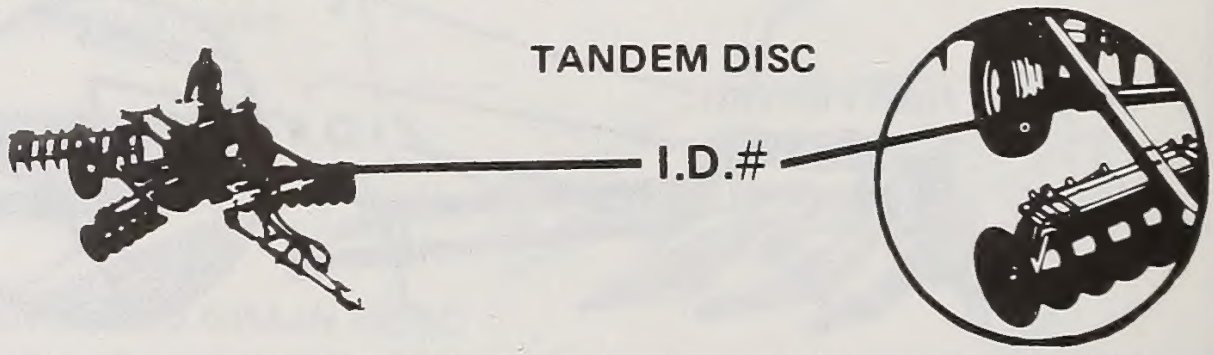
Place ID number on top of main beam, 12" from front.

Figure 11



Place ID number on top of frame, above transport axle, on right side.

Figure 12



Place ID number on top of main frame, 12" from right side.

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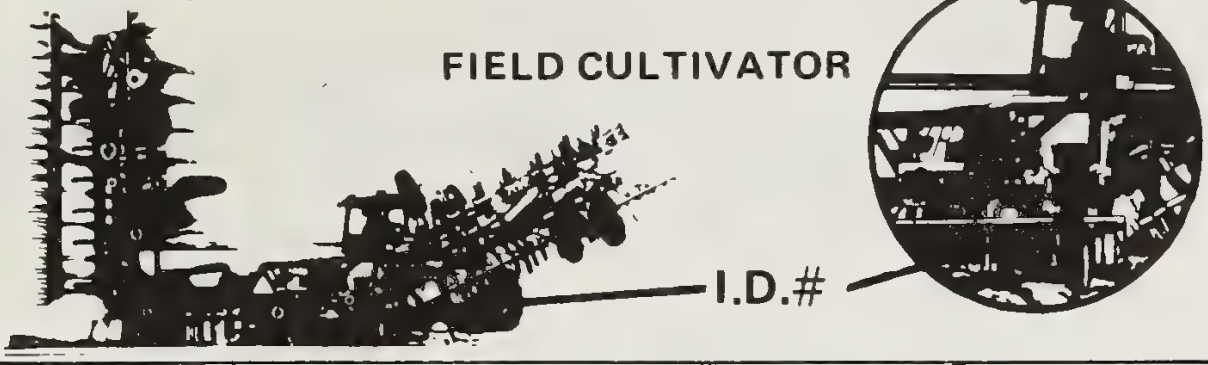
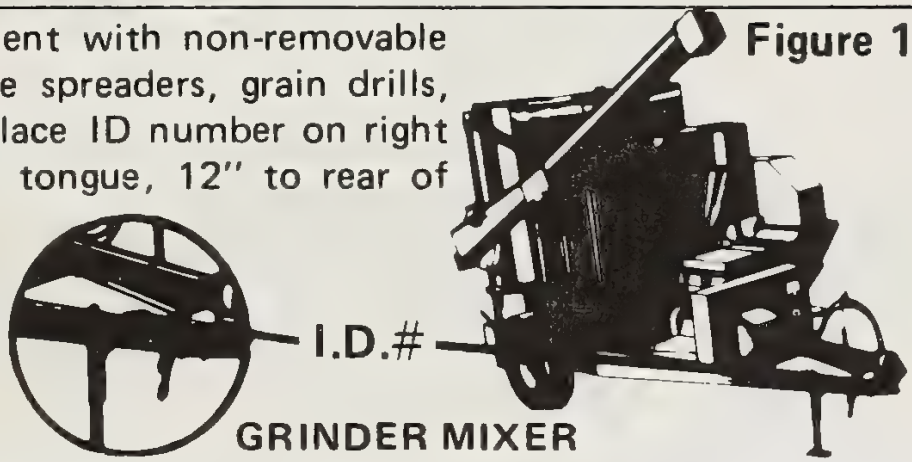


(On all equipment with non-removable tongues; manure spreaders, grain drills, auger wagon) Place ID number on right side on top of tongue, 12" to rear of hitch pin.

Figure 14



(On 3-point equipment with tool bar) Place ID number on top of tool bar adjacent to right hitch pin.

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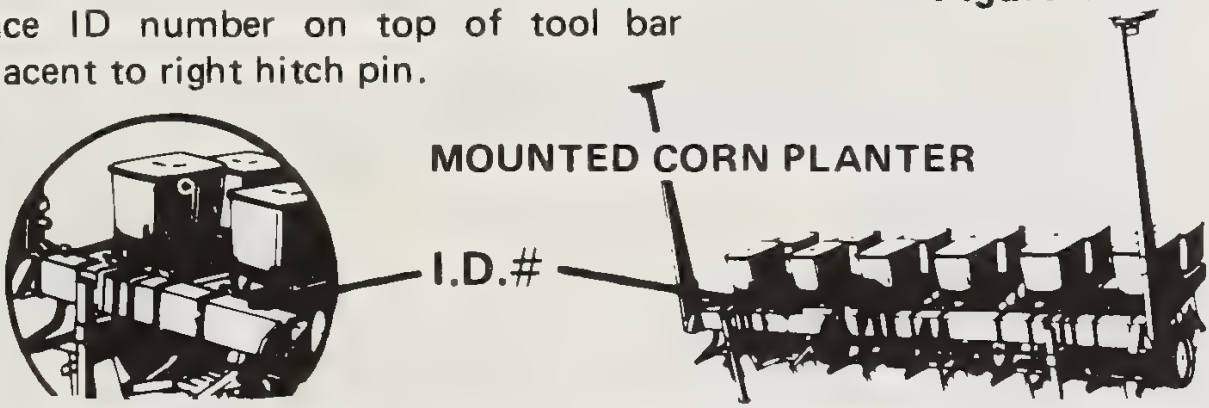
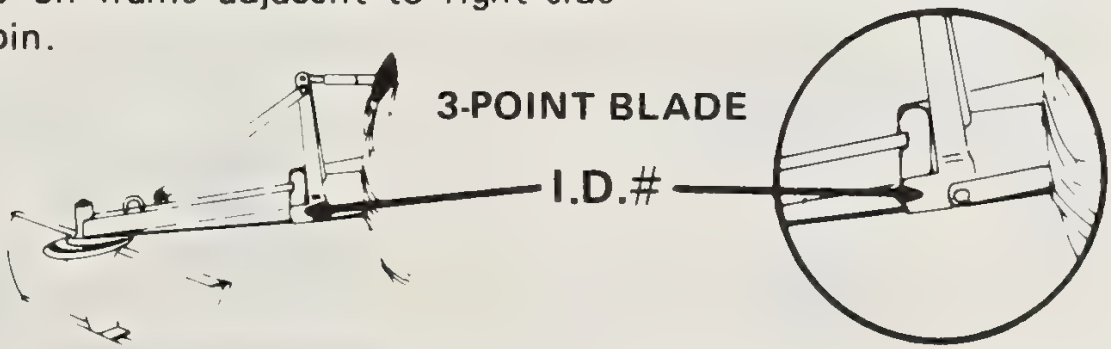


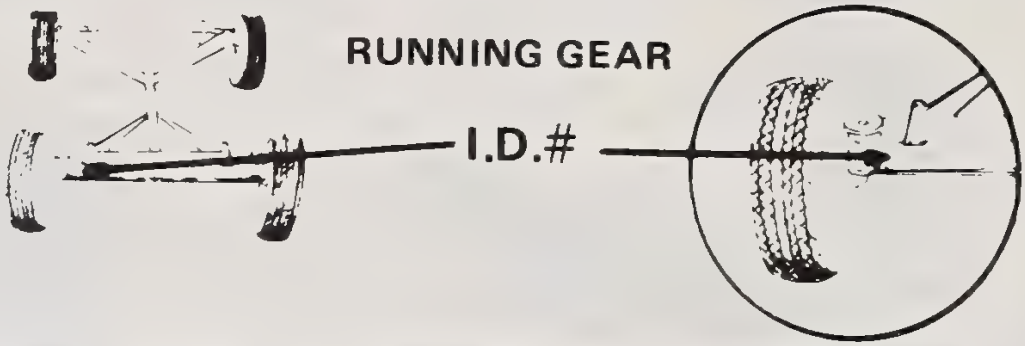
Place ID number on all three-point hitches on frame adjacent to right side hitch pin.

Figure 16



Place ID number on right front of front axle.

Figure 17



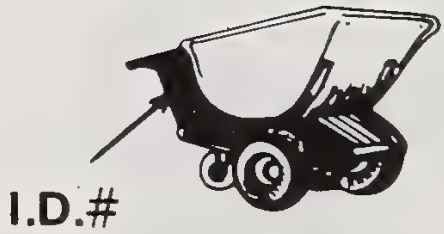
Place ID number on end cap of cylinder.

Figure 18

DOUBLE HANDLES

Figure 19

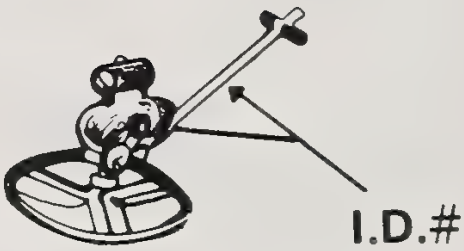
Place your ID marking on the under side of the right handle, half way between the top and bottom of the handle.



SINGLE "T" HANDLE

Figure 20

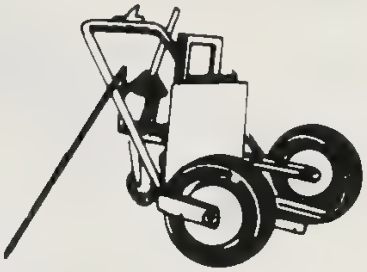
Place your ID on the under side of the vertical handle, halfway between the top and bottom of the handle.



"U" SHAPED HANDLE

Figure 21

Place your ID on the under side of the right hand portion of the handle, approximately halfway between the top and bottom of the handle.

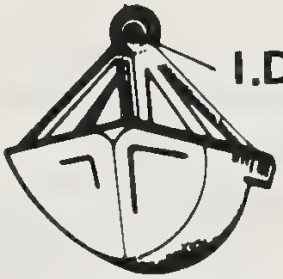


I.D.#

BUCKETS

Figure 22

Dragline — Put ID in vicinity of eye attachment.
Clamshell — Put ID on top of the sheave frame.
Hoe -- Put ID on opposite side of serial plate, between hoe ears.



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PUMPS AND COMPRESSORS

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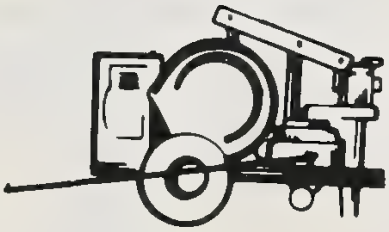
Place your ID number in vicinity of the oil filler cap or, if that is not practical, on the opposite side of the unit.



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MANUALLY GUIDED EQUIPMENT

Figure 24

Place your ID both on the shaft of the tool and on the motor of the equipment as shown.

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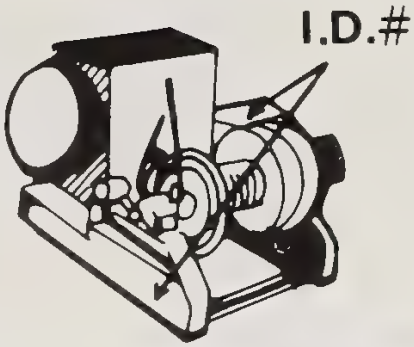
EQUIPMENT WITH COMPONENT PARTS

Figure 25

On multiple pieces of equipment such as pumps, hoists, compressors, etc. place the ID on each separate part.

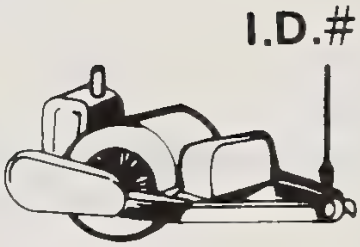
If unit is encased, mark cover as well.



TRAILER "V" Type Trailer Hitch

Figure 26

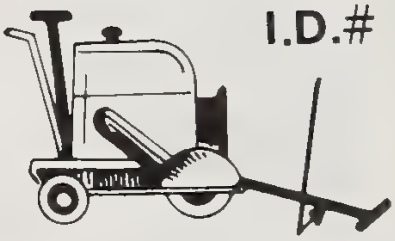
Place your ID on the inside of the frame about halfway between the hitch and the body of the trailer.



TRAILERS-single tongue

Figure 27

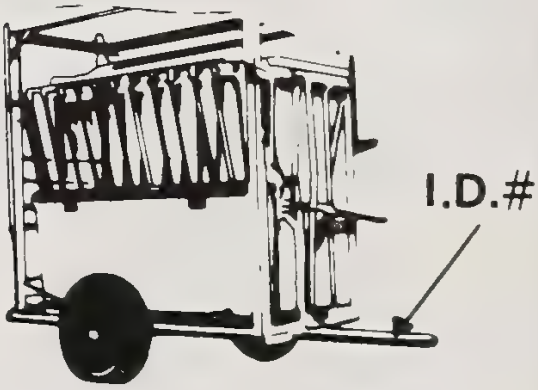
Place your ID on the under side of the single tongue, halfway between the hitch and the body of the trailer.



PORTABLE LOADING/CATCH CHUTES

Figure 28

Place ID on top of tongue, approximately 2 inches from frame.



SADDLES (Western & English)

Figure 29

Place ID under left stirrup flap.

TILLER

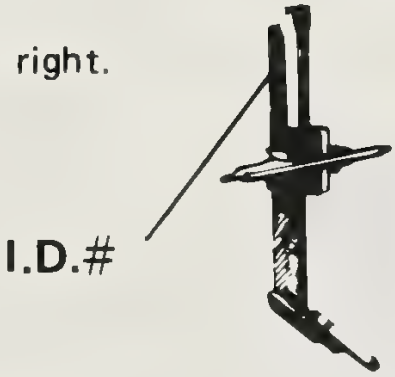
Figure 30

Place ID to rear of front frame between hitch pins.

SUBSOILER

Figure 31

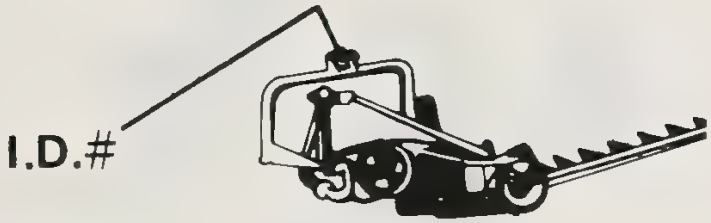
Place ID 2 inches from top on right.



MOWING MACHINE

Figure 32

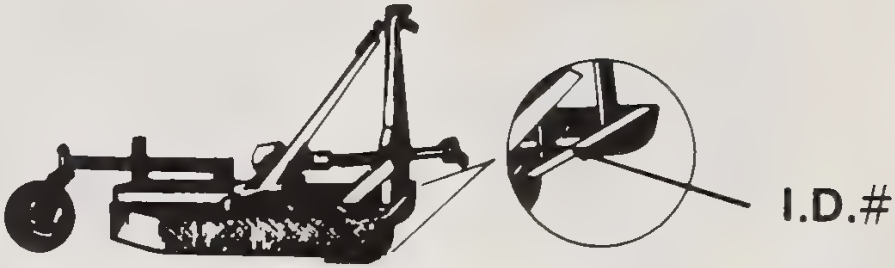
Place your ID directly under third arm (front).



ROTARY MOWER

Figure 33

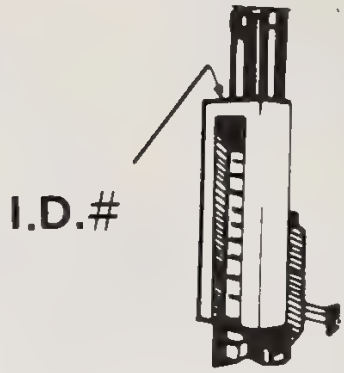
Place your ID directly under third arm (front).



POST DRIVER

Figure 34

Place ID to rear of digger on top middle of frame.



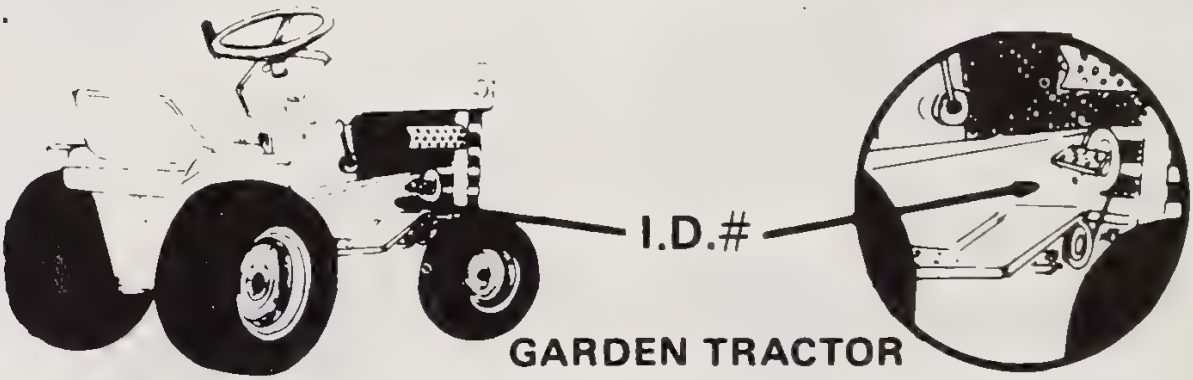
ROUND BALE HAY MOVER

Figure 35

Place ID directly under third arm in front.

Figure 36

Place ID number on right side frame rail.



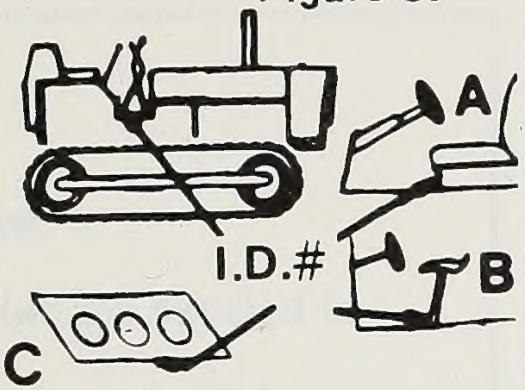
GARDEN TRACTOR

VEHICLES (Tractor, Trucks, Crawlers, etc.)

Place your ID number below the driver's seat as close to the floorboards as convenient. (see fig. A & B)

If ID labels are being used the second marking should be placed under the dashboard, centered under the instrument panel. (see fig. C)

Figure 37



NOTE: following items should be marked with hand engraver

ELECTRIC MOTORS

Place your ID on the opposite side of the motor from the serial and or model number plate.

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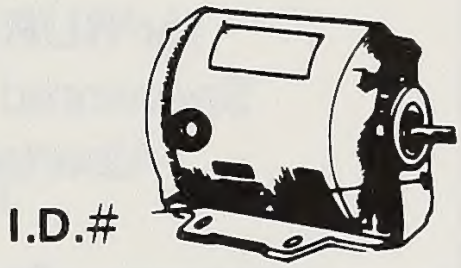

POWER HAND TOOLS (Drills, saws, grinders, etc.)

Place your Identification Number (ID) on the tool away from the serial-model number plate.

Figure 39

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Tips to remember . . .

Before marking your equipment:

Pitted or painted surfaces should be sanded to ensure a clear - cut imprint .

Make a sample imprint in wood to make sure your ID number is correct.

Make a sample imprint in metal to get accustomed to the surface.

When stamping your equipment:

Use a heavy-duty hammer.

Stamp each object in at least 2 different locations (1) where the catalogue indicates, and (2) in a hidden location.

Check each imprint to make sure it is legible. If the number is blurred, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SAND OR GRIND IT OUT. Make a second imprint directly below the blurred number.

After each stamp, check for broken digits in the die. If a digit is chipped or broken, your ID number will be changed.

Keep a record of your machinery and locations stamped.

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